# 19 Days Ultimate Showcase

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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| **19 Days** | **$12,779** | **Coach Tours** | **GPT** |

### Overview

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## Itinerary

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### Arrive Auckland

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HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Pacific Merchandise

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### Auckland - Bay of Islands

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands (2 nights)

Board the luxurious Ultimate Coach, depart Auckland and travel to Matakohe for a visit and informative talk at the Kauri Museum. Travel via Whangarei to Paihia, situated in the heart of the beautiful Bay of Islands. Enjoy a guided tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, the location of the signing of the Treaty between the indigenous Māori tribes and the British settlers.

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### Bay of Islands (Free Day)

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Bay of Islands

Today is a free day. Choose from the many optional activities available, including the Cape Reinga coach trip via Ninety Mile Beach or a spectacular scenic flight. This evening is also at leisure, you may like to enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise (optional).

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### Bay of Islands - Auckland

Stay: Hotel Crowne Plaza Auckland

This morning you will explore the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands. Cruise to Cape Brett and the famous ‘Hole in the Rock’, keep an eye out for dolphins and other marine life. On return to Paihia travel south via Whangarei before returning to Auckland. This evening is free to dine at leisure.

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### Auckland - Rotorua

Stay: Hotel Regent of Rotorua (2 nights)

This morning embark on a city sights tour of Auckland, dubbed the ‘City of Sails’. Depart Auckland and travel through the picturesque countryside to Hobbiton for a buffet lunch. A guided tour of the 12-acre set, will take you past whimsical Hobbit Holes, the Mill and into the Green Dragon Inn. You can now venture beyond the door and into an authentic Hobbit Hole interior for a fully immersive experience.

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## Rotorua

Stay: Hotel Regent of Rotorua

Today begins with a gondola ride and breakfast at Skyline Rotorua, where spectacular views are on offer. There is also time for a thrilling luge ride! Next stop is Agrodome for an action-packed hour of farming entertainment and education that is unlike anything you've seen before. Enjoy some free time this afternoon before travelling to Te Puia to see the boiling mud pools and awesome geysers that Rotorua is famous for. This evening experience an entertaining Māori Hāngi and Concert.

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## Rotorua - Napier

Stay: Hotel Scenic Hotel Te Pania

Depart Rotorua and travel along the Thermal Explorer Highway to Huka Falls and Lake Taupo. Continue to Napier known as 'The Art Deco Capital', where the most comprehensive collection of art deco buildings in the world can be found. Board the Hawke's Bay Express and hear informative commentary on the city's fascinating history. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city.

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## Napier - Wellington

Stay: Hotel InterContinental Wellington

Travel south this morning into Wellington for a city tour of the nation's capital which will highlight the history and culture on show here. At Te Papa, New Zealand's National Museum, there is time to explore Gallipoli: A Scale of War exhibition. Cutting edge technology brings these stories to life through the eyes of New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances.

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## Wellington - Picton - Kaikōura

Stay: Hotel Sudima Kaikōura

This morning board your ferry and travel through the Marlborough Sounds to Picton. Board your Ultimate Coach for the southbound journey along the rugged coastline, offering breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, to Kaikōura.

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## Kaikōura - Christchurch

Stay: Hotel The George

This morning, enjoy a leisurely start in the picturesque seaside town of Kaikōura, celebrated for its spectacular coastal landscapes, where rugged mountains meet the Pacific Ocean, and its rich marine wildlife. Later, continue to the Garden City of Christchurch, where an orientation tour will introduce you to its beautiful parks, historic landmarks, and vibrant city centre.

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## Christchurch - Arthur's Pass - Fox Glacier

Stay: Hotel Te Weheka Hotel Fox Glacier

This morning board the TranzAlpine, renowned as one of the great train journeys of the world. Travel over massive viaducts, river valleys and spectacular gorges as you ascend to Arthur's Pass located in the centre of the Southern Alps. Board your Ultimate Coach and travel to Hokitika, famous for its Greenstone before continuing via Franz Josef to the township of Fox Glacier where time is available to experience a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the spectacular glaciers.

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## Fox Glacier - Queenstown

Stay: Hotel Rendezvous Heritage Queenstown (2 nights)

See the snow-capped peaks of the Southern Alps as you travel south along the West Coast. Continue via the Haast Pass, an area of stunning beauty before arriving into picturesque Queenstown, a year-round resort situated on the shores of magical Lake Wakatipu. This evening is at leisure, you may choose to dine out at one of the many fine restaurants.

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### Queenstown (Free Day)

Stay: Hotel Rendezvous Heritage Queenstown

Today is a free day for you to explore Queenstown with many optional activities available. You may wish to enjoy the thrill of a jet boat ride or a heritage tour of the scenic Skippers Canyon. This evening board the vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw and cruise across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious gourmet barbecue dinner featuring a menu of seasonal, fresh and locally sourced food at the Colonel's Homestead. After dinner enjoy a short farm tour then reboard the TSS Earnslaw for a sing along by the piano as you cruise back to Queenstown.

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### Queenstown - Te Anau

Stay: Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas (2 nights)

Enjoy a leisurely start this morning before travelling to Arrowtown, an old gold mining village where you visit the Lakes District Museum. Continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland. Today you may like to visit the Te Anau Glowworm Caves (optional).

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### Te Anau - Milford Sound - Te Anau

Stay: Hotel Distinction Te Anau Hotel & Villas

Depart Te Anau for a fascinating drive to Milford Sound where you board your launch for a cruise on this magnificent fiord. See the spectacular Bowen Falls and towering Mitre Peak as you enjoy lunch onboard. This afternoon return to Te Anau where some free time is available. You might like to cap off your Fiordland experience by watching the breathtaking film, Ata Whenua - Shadowland, which screens at the Fiordland Cinema (optional).

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### Te Anau - Dunedin

Stay: Hotel Distinction Dunedin Hotel

Travel through Gore and Balclutha to Dunedin, known as the 'Edinburgh of the South' and enjoy a city tour. Continue along the Otago Peninsula to Larnach Castle. On a guided tour you will hear the tragic and scandalous tales which make up the castle's history. Indulge in an Ultimate High Tea served in the Grand Ballroom, followed by time to stroll through this Garden of international Significance.

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### Dunedin - Mt Cook

Stay: Hotel The Hermitage Hotel

Farewell Dunedin and travel to Oamaru famous for its limestone. Follow the Waitaki River and see Lake Benmore as you travel to Mt Cook, New Zealand's highest peak.

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### Mt Cook - Christchurch

Stay: Hotel The George or similar

This morning there is an opportunity to enjoy a scenic flight (optional, weather permitting) over the Southern Alps. Continue to Lake Tekapo and view the brilliant turquoise water, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Sheep Dog Statue before arriving in Christchurch. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner including selected beverages with your new found friends.

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### Depart Christchurch

Time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home after a memorable New Zealand holiday.

## Inclusions

PREPAID ATTRACTIONS • Kauri Museum • Waitangi Treaty Grounds • Hole in the Rock Dolphin Cruise • Hobbiton™ Movie Set Tour and Lunch • Skyline Rotorua Gondola and Luge Ride • Agrodome • Thermal mud pools and geysers • Te Puia traditional Māori Hāngi and Concert • Hawke's Bay Express • Te Papa, NZ's National Museum • Cruise on the Interislander Ferry, Premium Lounge • TranzAlpine Rail Journey • Cruise Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw • Lakes District Museum • Milford Sound Cruise and Lunch • Larnach Castle and Ultimate High Tea • Auckland City Sights Tour • Napier City Sights Tour • Wellington City Sights Tour • Christchurch City Sights Tour • Dunedin City Sights Tour COACH FEATURES • 20 Business Class seats on a full-size coach • 2 door access; dedicated seat side storage with tray table; cup holder • Restroom; daily onboard Wi-Fi allowance EXPERIENCE • Return airfares from your homeport • Personalised Meet and Greet on arrival • Return airport transfers in New Zealand • Professional Coach Captain • 18 nights 4.5 star accommodation • 4 two night stays • Hotel porterage • 1 rail journey • 4 cruises • All sightseeing and prepaid attractions • Extensive Optional Activities • Ultimate Documentation Pack MEALS • 18 cooked breakfasts including a specialty breakfast: Stratosfare Restaurant, Rotorua • 14 sumptuous dinners including complimentary pre-dinner drink at the Welcome Dinner and 3 specialty dinners: Māori Hāngi and Concert, Rotorua; Walter Peak Homestead, Queenstown; Intimate Farewell Dinner, selected beverages, Christchurch • 2 lunches: Hobbiton, Shire’s buffet; Milford Sound Cruise • 1 Ultimate High Tea: Larnach Castle • Enjoy GPT Wine Time (discounted drinks) • Day 1: Dinner not included for anyone arriving later than 8pm.

### Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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